

## House Resolution No. 4620

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since LeRoy O. Van Gilder lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Sylvia B. Hutchings, during a solemn ceremony on November 13, 1953, in Warrensburg, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, LeRoy and Sylvia Van Gilder have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children, Mary J. Van Gilder, Rick L. Van Gilder, and the late Deborah L. Van Gilder; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, LeRoy Van Gilder has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a semi-retired cattle farmer and a retired thirty-year employee of General Motors; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Sylvia Van Gilder offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, during their half century together, LeRoy and Sylvia Van Gilder have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, some of which include sharing their musical interests and talents by singing and playing the dobro and guitar, surfing the net for song lyrics, and visiting with friends via e-mail; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Van Gilder, residents of Holden, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 14, 2003:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to LeRoy and Sylvia Van Gilder and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy O. Van Gilder.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shannon Cooper  
District No. 120

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4620, adopted November 12, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker